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THU: 73°F | 63°F
Cloudy.

FRI: 67°F | 64°F
Showers.

SAT: 74°F | 61°F
Chance showers.

MIT to invite students and employees to participate in Sexual Harassment and Misconduct Surveys

In an email to the MIT community dated Aug. 17, Chancellor Melissa Nobles announced mandatory harassment prevention training for faculty, staff and third year graduate students for the fall 2023 semester. Additionally, during the 2023-24 academic year, MIT will invite members of the community to participate in a sexual harassment and misconduct survey. According to the email, students were surveyed by the Institute in 2014 and 2019, but the upcoming survey will "mark the first time the Institute is surveying staff and faculty." The survey will be confidential and voluntary.

—Alex Tang

MIT Information Systems and Technology unveils new notification system

Mark Sillis, Vice President for Information Systems and Technology at MIT, wrote in an email to the MIT community Aug. 9, that the IST department is "implementing a new notification system called MIT Atlas Alert," which will provide "prompt notifications" of disruptions to IT services including internet, phone, and email. Atlas Alert will be conveyed via email, the Atlas mobile app, and text messages, and is intended to reach the community through multiple channels in the event that one system is down.

Internet disruptions have occurred over the past school year. Sillis wrote that "we hope that prompt notification will reduce confusion and help to inform your planning as we share awareness and information on the extent of the issue."

—Alex Tang

Search for Institute Community and Equity Officer begins

Following the recent departure of Institute Community and Equity Officer (ICEO) John Dozier, President Sally Kornbluth announced the creation of a search committee in a national search for a Vice President for Equity and Inclusion. In her announcement Aug. 4, President Kornbluth wrote that because "health of our community" is dependent on the Institute's ability to respond to challenges in equity and inclusion, the new ICEO leader would report directly to her.

—Alex Tang

Flashbacks: Today, Two Years Ago

ARUN WONGPROMMOON—THE TECH

The first in-person orientation after the pandemic was a reason to celebrate, as everyone took their part in testing and ensuring safety precautions for a smooth and successful program, August 24, 2021.

IN SHORT

Pre-registration closes on August 24 at 5 PM.

First-year student orientation begins on August 27.

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Registration Day is September 5.

First Day of Classes is September 6.

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Three vendors prepared for their first day serving MIT's student center, replacing vendors from before the pandemic, August 24, 2021.

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U.S. Dept. of Education investigating Harvard University legacy admissions

Civil rights inquiry into Harvard's legacy admissions practices comes after a Supreme Court ruling that brought down affirmative action

By Alex Tang
NEWS EDITOR

On July 25, the U.S. Department of Education opened a civil rights investigation into the legacy admissions policy at Harvard University. This move comes after the Supreme Court ruled affirmative action unconstitutional on June 29, prompting further scrutiny of the college admissions process.

Shortly after the Supreme Court ruling was released, three Boston-based groups, the Chica Project, the African Community Economic Development of New England, and the Greater Boston Latino Network, filed a complaint with the Department of Education against Harvard, alleging that Harvard's consideration of legacy in admissions prefers relatives of alumni and donors and discriminates against Black, Hispanic, Asian, and other minority applicants.

"It is imperative that the federal government act now to eliminate this unfair barrier that systematically disadvantages students of color," Michael Kippins, a litigation fellow at Lawyers for Civil Rights, said when the complaint was filed.

The inquiry could culminate in a protracted legal battle that could end up once more in the hands of the Supreme Court. Nicole Rura, a Harvard spokeswoman, said that in the wake of the investigation, Harvard was reviewing its admissions policies and added that "Harvard remains dedicated to opening doors to opportunity and to redoubling our efforts to encourage students from many different backgrounds to apply for admission."

Harvard's legacy practice was investigated in the 1980s by the Education Department's Office of Civil Rights in the context of discrimination against Asian American applicants.

A statement of findings from the 1988-90 probe said that the investigation "revealed clear evidence of a 'tip' for legacies and recruited athletes' but said that Harvard's legacy preference was not in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, which bars discrimination based on race.

Legacy admissions have been a long-standing practice at many of the nation's most prestigious universities, including Stanford, Yale, and Princeton. Wesleyan University, a selective private college in Connecticut, recently ended its legacy preference after the Supreme Court decision.

MIT does not consider an applicant's legacy status in the private institute's admissions process, according to the MIT Admissions website.

FUN PAGES

Occupy yourself at the end of summer break with this week's fun pages!

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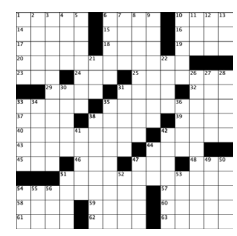

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WEATHER

Showers to wash in the new school year

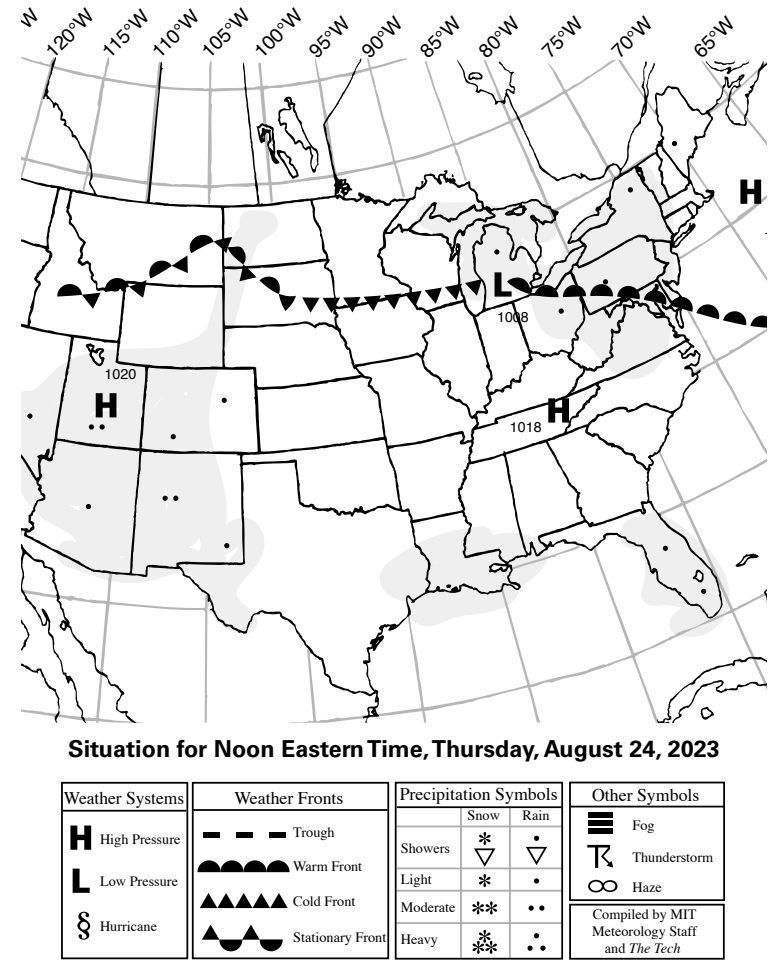
By Phoebe Lin
CHIEF METEOROLOGIST

Sunny weather is expected today with increasing clouds throughout the day. In the next couple of days, expect some frontal systems to move through Boston with some showers and possible thunderstorms. Though temperatures will dip under the mid-70’s, dewpoints remain high throughout the week.

Most of the prefrosh will experience their first Boston storms this weekend! If you’re planning on hiking any major mountains like Mt. Washington this year, remember to pack rain pants and good hiking boots.

Extended Forecast

Today: Cloudy. High around 73°F (23°C). Southwest winds around 15 mph.
Tonight: Chance showers. Low around 63°F (17°C). Southeast winds around 10-15 mph.
Tomorrow: Showers. High around 67°F (19°C) and low around 64°F (18°C). South winds around 7-10 mph.
Saturday: Chance showers. High around 74°F (23°C) and low around 61°F (16°C). Northwest winds around 5-10 mph.
Sunday: Mostly sunny. High around 74°F (23°C) and low around 58°F (14°C). North winds around 5-10 mph.



Situation for Noon Eastern Time, Thursday, August 24, 2023

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H High Pressure	Trough	Showers	✻ ▽	• ▽	Fog
L Low Pressure	Warm Front	Light	✻	•	Thunderstorm
§ Hurricane	Cold Front	Moderate	✻✻	••	Haze
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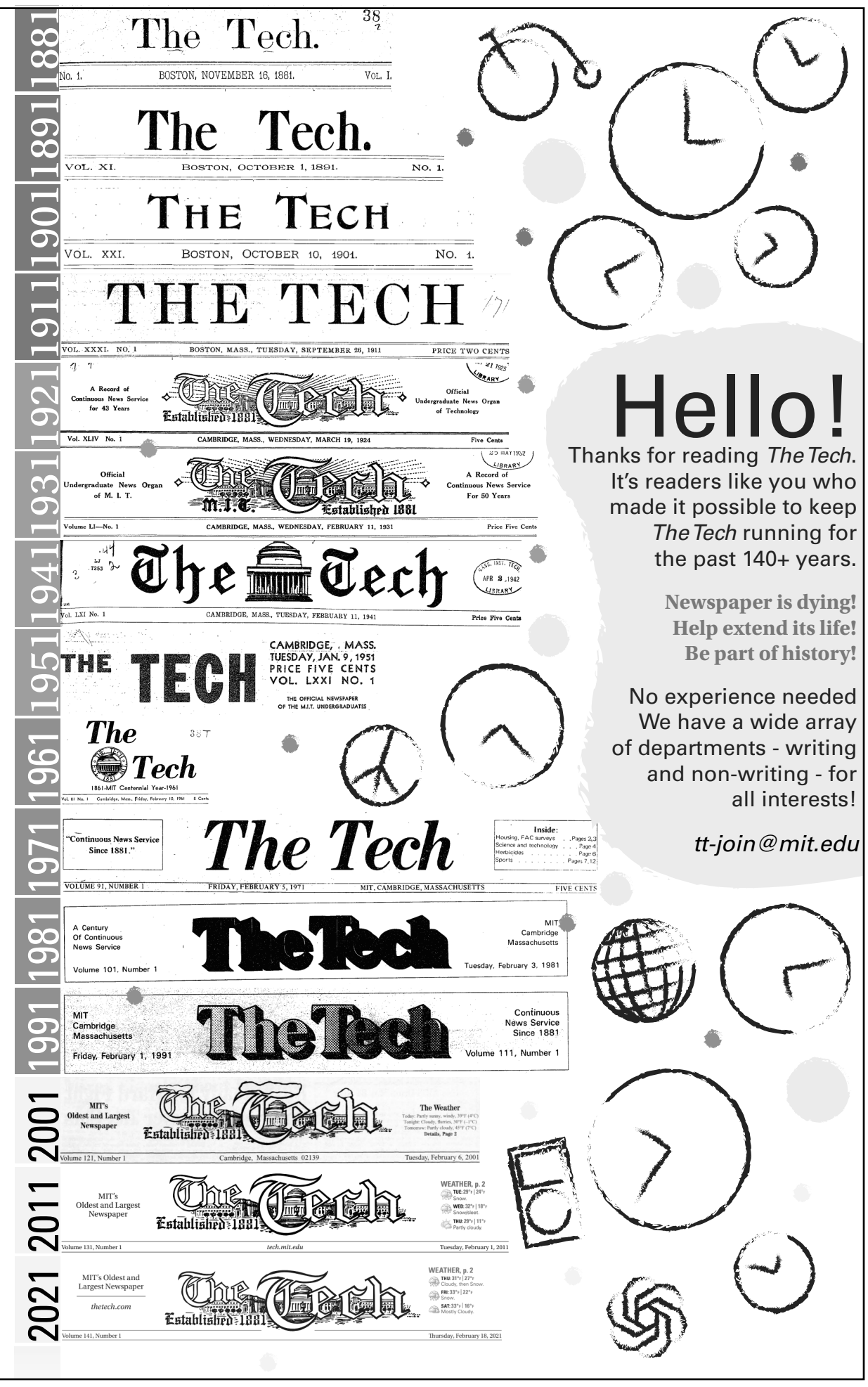
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Weatherproof by Manaal Mohammed '25

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6 Suggestions for activities, informally
10 Randall Munroe webcomic
14 Meanspirited terrible person (sfw)
15 _____ Juice (Texas South Asian-inspired snack cafe chain)
16 Inheritor
17 Acted out, in a way
18 Aromatic ointment
19 Mid
20 2012 alt-J chart-topping hit
23 "Call of Duty: Black ___"
24 Percocet opiate, shortly
25 French sandwich cookie
29 Trashes in London
31 _____ harina
32 Groove
33 Adler of the "Sherlock Holmes" series
35 Nixon era political scandal involving informant Deep Throat
37 You might see many of this in Somerville
38 "Thor" actor Hemsworth
39 "(Sittin' On) the Dock of the Bay" singer Redding
40 Winter sport necessity
42 "Nice!"
43 It sometimes 3-down a "girl"
44 It might be magic
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59 Ireland, to the Irish
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3 Precedes
4 Protected from the wind, at sea
5 Danger area
6 Showed (as for feedback)
7 Paris' equal?
8 One half of a replicated chromosome
9 What therapists might notice an uptick in as fall turns to winter, briefly
10 South African language known for its many "click" consonants
11 WoW LOL
12 Spy org.
13 Like some text conversations
21 "___ and Oh's" (Elle King song)
22 80s Chrysler
26 "Sausage Party" was the first animated one
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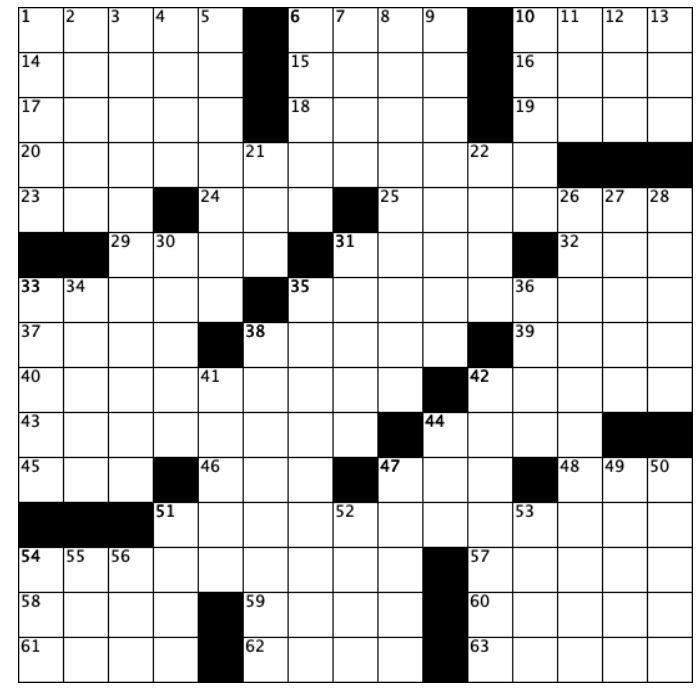

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